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LETTER MAKING ERRORS OF RECORD

It is respectfully requested that this letter calling attention to the following errors in the specification in the above-referenced patent be made of record in the patent file.

In column 2, cover page, under Other Publications, line 1, change "Declaration of Douglas Kohrs, filed in patent" to --Declaration of Douglas Kohrs, filed in parent--, as shown in the Information Disclosure Statement Form 1449 mailed on January 6, 2004. Page 2 under Other Documents.

In column 2, line 16, change "into-both vertebrae." to --into both
vertebrae.--, as shown in the specification at Page 2, line 33.

In column 2, line 42, change "taken along lines 4—4" to --taken along
line 4—4--.

In column 2, line 43, change "taken along lines 5—5" to --taken along
line 5—5--.

In column 2, line 44, change "taken along lines 6—6" to --taken along
line 6—6--.

In column 3, line 5, change "taken along lines 23—23" to --taken along
line 23—23--.

In column 3, line 45, change "tool if FIG. 43;" to --tool of FIG. 43;--.

In column 3, line 50, change "taken along lines 45B—45B;" to --taken
along line 45B—45B;--.

In column 3, line 57, change "taken along lines 48A—48A" to --taken
along line 48A—48A--.

In column 5, line 26, change "10 mm, 12 mm, 14 mm, 16 mm, 16
mm, 20 mm, 24 mm, 28 mm, 28 mm and 30 mm, respectively," to --10 mm, 12
mm, 14 mm, 16 mm, 18 mm, 20 mm, 24 mm, 26 mm, 28 mm and 30 mm,
respectively,--.

In column 6, line 67, change "tissue may covet" to --tissue may
cover--.

In column 8, line 51, change "Diameter D₆ is equal to the major outside" to --Diameter D₈ is equal to the major outside--, as shown in the Specification at Page 16, line 11.

In column 9, line 11, change "Hub 168 is receiving within slot 25." to --Hub 168 is received within slot 25.--.

In column 9, line 18, change "show use of collet 171)." to --show use of collet 171.)--.

In column 9, line 39, change "Th hammer has" to --The hammer has--, as shown in the Specification at Page 17, line 31.

In column 10, line 67, change "are taken the alignment guide" to --are taken of the alignment guide--, as shown in the Specification at Page 20, line 26.

In column 12, line 5, change "excessive axially movement." to --excessive axial movement.--.

In column 13, line 20, change "the reader will not the pre-boring of step H," to --the reader will note the pre-boring of step H,--.

In column 13, line 34, change "is pack d with bone graft." to --is packed with bone graft--, as shown in the Specification at Page 26, line 2.

In column 13, line 66, change "At this stag in the procedure," to --At this stage in the procedure--, as shown in the Specification at Page 27, line 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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